GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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Non-availability of Panchayat Bhawans
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Union Government that many of Panchayats are facing a lot of difficulties due to non-availability of Panchayat Bhawans, if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of number of Panchayat Bhawan sanctioned, constructed and those still under construction in country, State-wise;
(c) the details of number of Resource Centres constructed at Gram Panchayat level in the country, State-wise;
(d) whether any targets have been fixed by the Ministry in this regard; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken to achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) As per reports received from the States/UTs, about 46100 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are without their own buildings. Since Panchayat is a State subject, providing a separate building for each GP is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government. Details of GP Bhawans constructed and under construction under the various schemes are maintained at the State/UT level. Under the erstwhile scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), financial assistance was provided to the States for construction of GP Bhawans as proposed by the respective States in their annual plans. Details of number of Panchayat Bhawans sanctioned and constructed under the scheme of RGPSA are given at Annexe.
(c) Under the scheme of RGPSA, funds were provided for setting up of resource centres at State, District/Sub-District and Block levels and not at the Gram Panchayat level.
(d) & (e) Do not arise.